

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 7, as follows:

A cylindrically formed metal collar 9 is tightly fitted over an outer periphery of a projecting portion of the frictional body 5 which extends from the retaining section 6. The metal collar 9 is so fitted as to prevent a base portion 11 shown in FIG. 2 from being rotated relative to the outer periphery of the end edge portion of the retaining section 6. As shown in FIG. 2, a plurality of latching cutouts 12 are formed in the base portion of the metal collar 9. On the other hand, a plurality of latching projections 13 are provided relative to the outer peripheral portion of the retaining section 6 so as to correspond to the latching cutouts 12. When the metal collar 9 is fitted over the outer peripheral portion of the retaining section 6, the respective ~~outputs~~ cutouts 12 are mated to the corresponding latching projections 13 to prevent the rotation of the metal collar 9. It is preferable that, when the metal collar 9 is fitted over the outer peripheral portion of the retaining section 6, the metal collar 9 be fixed to the outer peripheral portion of the retaining section 6 by means of bonding, welding, etc.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 13, as follows:

The frictional body 5 has its base end portion 17 fitted into a hole 16 in the retaining section 6 of the bearing body 4 and is retained such that the frictional body 5 is not rotated relative to the bearing body 4. The outer peripheral portion of the base portion 17 of the frictional body 5 is formed not with a circular peripheral surface but with a different-shaped surface such as at least a partly ~~flattered~~ flattened surface 18. On the other hand, the inner hole 16 of the retaining section 6, into which the different-shaped base end portion 17 of the frictional body 5 is fitted, is so configured as to engage the flattened surface 18 as set out above.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 5, as follows:

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A plurality of grease grooves 21 are formed in the tapered inner surface of the bearing hole 15 of the frictional body 5. ~~[[The]]~~ A grease groove allowing the grease to be pooled therein is situated as an elongated groove parallel to a center line O of the frictional body 5 as shown in FIG. 3. The transverse cross-sectional shape of ~~[[the]]~~ a grease groove 21 is a substantially V shape as shown in FIG. 4. Respective angular portions 22 of the opening of ~~[[the]]~~ a V-shaped grease groove 21, that is, respective end edges of the opening, are radiused to provide a small R.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, as follows:

In ~~[[the]]~~ a grease groove 21 a grease is pooled as a lubricant. ~~[[The]]~~ A grease groove 21 is so situated as to be restricted within a tapered inner surface area of the bearing hole 15 in the frictional body 5 making contact with the tapered peripheral surface of the rotation shaft 8. If, in this way, ~~[[the]]~~ a grease groove 21 is located without extending through the area of the tapered inner surface of the bearing hole 15, then an added grease retention capability is insured so that it is possible to prevent a waste leakage of the grease. Further, it is also possible to prevent a lowering in the strength of the frictional body 5 resulting from the formation of grease grooves 21.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGURES 1 and 3-10 have been amended to add reference numeral 19. The amendments to FIGURES 1 and 3-10 are illustrated in red on the version of the drawing marked "Marked-Up Drawings."

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